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SUBJECT: GEORGE BALL AS CANADA S CASSANDRA:

PRESS COMMENT

1. RECENT INTERVIEW WITH FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE BALL IN FORBES MAGAZINE WAS STIMULUS FOR EDITORIAL IN HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (3/19/77) ENTITLED "PAYING THE PRICE", THEME OF WHICH WAS THAT TRUTH OF BALL S GLOOMY PREDICTIONS ABOUT CANADA S FUTURE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BORNE OUT BY EVENTS. NOTING THAT BALL S OUTSPOKEN COMMENTS ON THE PERILS OF CANADA S SO-CALLED NATIONALISTIC BINGE AND HIS CALLING QUEBEC "THE INDIGESTIBLE LUMP IN THE BELLY OF CANADA" DID NOT SIT WELL WITH MANY CANADIANS, THE EDITORIAL ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE FEW IN ATLANTIC CANADA WHO WOULD NOWADAYS ARGUE THAT BALL HAD BEEN WRONG.

2. EDITORIAL REFERS TO WHAT IT CALLS THE ULTRA-NATIONALISTIC MOOD OF THE CENTRAL CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT IN THE 60 S AND STATES THAT DRYING-UP OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND PRESENT SHOCKINGLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTIC CANADA ARE BOTH LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OBSTRUCTIONS THE FEDERAL GOVT PUTS IN THE WAY OF

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CAPITAL FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IT CONCLUDES BY SAYING:

"WE HAVE ALWAYS RELIED ON CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. TO CONTINUE TO PRETEND WE NO LONGER NEED OUR OLD FRIENDS IS POOR BUSINESS AND POLITICAL JUDGMENT."

3. POUCHING CLIPPING TO EMBASSY OTTAWA AND EUR/CAN.

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